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SUBJECT: SINO-AUSTRALIAN REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES AGREEMENT

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AGREEMENT:

QTE. AUSTRALIA-CHINA FAMILY REUNION ARRANGEMENT PEKING, 1976

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING IN PRINCIPLE ARRIVED AT IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER AND THE CHINESE PREMIER IN 1973 AND RECORDED IN THE AUSTRALIAN-CHINESE JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE ON THE FACILITATION OF TRAVEL FROM CHINA TO AUSTRALIA BY RELATIVES OF AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS OF CHINESE DESCENT AND CHINESE CITIZENS RESIDING IN AUSTRALIA, THE OFFICIALS OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, AFTER FRINDLY CONSULTATIONS IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, HAVE WORKED OUT THE FOLLOWING PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAID UNDERSTANDING IN PRINCIPLE:

THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ENTER INTO THIS ARRANGEMENT TO FACILITATE THE REUNION OF FAMILIES AND
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WILL DETERMINE ALL APPLICATIONS AS QUICKLY AS

POSSIBLE.

QTE. 1. AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS OF CHINESE DESCENT AND CHINESE CITIZENS RESIDING IN AUSTRALIA WHO WISH TO HAVE THEIR RELATIVES IN CHINA GO TO AUSTRALIA FOR FAMILY REUNION OR A VISIT SHOULD WRITE DIRECT TO THEIR RELATIVES IN CHINA, AND THE LATTER MAY LODGE APPLICATIONS WITH THE CHINESE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

THE CHINESE LOCAL AUTHORITIES SHOULD NOTIFY THE RELATIVES IN CHINA IF THEY DO NOT ACCEPT AN APPLICATION AND THE CASE IS CLOSED.

QTE. 2. AT THE SAME TIME, THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS OF CHINESE DESCENT AND CHINESE CITIZENS RESIDING IN AUSTRALIA SHOULD APPROACH THE AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES AND COMPLETE THE NECESSARY FORMALITIES.

QTE. 3. AFTER AN APPLICATION FOR TRAVEL TO AUSTRALIA FOR FAMILY REUNION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED, THE CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE FOR OVERSEAS CHINESE OR THE KWANGTUNG TRAVEL SERVICE FOR OVERSEAS CHINESE WILL FORWARD TO THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN CHINA A SIMPLIFIED AUSTRALIAN APPLICATION FORM COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT TOGETHER WITH DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF RELATIONSHIP.

THE AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES SHOULD NOTIFY THE RELATIVES IN AUSTRALIA IF THEY DO NOT ACCEPT AN APPLICATION AND THE CASE IS CLOSED.

QTE. 4. IF AN APPLICATION IS ACCEPTED, THE AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES WILL NOTIFY THE CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE FOR OVERSEAS CHINESE OR THE KWANGTUNG TRAVEL SERVICE FOR OVERSEAS CHINESE TO MAKE AN ARRANGEMENT FOR THE APPLICANT'S MEDICAL EXAMINATION. THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION WILL BE UNDERTAKEN AT

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A HOSPITAL AT OR NEAR THE APPLICANT'S PLACE OF RESIDENCE. THE MEDICAL REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN CHINA BY THE CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE FOR OVERSEAS CHINESE OR THE KWANGTUNG TRAVEL SERVICE FOR OVERSEAS CHINESE.

QTE. 5. AN OFFICIAL WILL BE ACCREDITED BY THE AUSTRALIAN

AUTHORITIES AS A DIPLOMATIC OFFICIAL OF THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN CHINA AND BE PLACED ON THE PEKING DIPLOMATIC LIST. THIS OFFICIAL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS OF THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN CHINA IN CHARGE OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS, WILL HAVE INTERVIEWS WITH APPLICANTS AT THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN CHINA, AT KWANGCHOW OR AT ANY AUSTRALIAN CONSULAR OFFICE THAT MAY BE ESTABLISHED, AFTER THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED THE REQUEST OF THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY FOR HIS ENTRY VISA. THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED WILL FACILITATE THE TRAVEL OF THE SAID OFFICIAL AND GIVE HIM THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE.

QTE. 6. THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN CHINA WILL INFORM THE CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE FOR OVERSEAS CHINESE OR THE KWANGTUNG TRAVEL SERVICE FOR OVERSEAS CHINESE OF THE APPROVAL OF ANY APPLICATION FOR ENTRY INTO AUSTRALIA FOR FAMILY REUNION AND, UPON RECEIVING THE APPLICANT'S CHINESE PASSPORT, WILL AFFIX ON IT A VISA VALID FOR SETTLEMENT IN AUSTRALIA.

THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, CONSISTENT WITH ITS PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS, WILL KEEP REJECTIONS TO A MINIMUM IN RESPECT OF APPLICATIONS FOR FAMILY REUNIONS BY A SPOUSE, DEPENDENT CHILD OR DEPENDENT PARENT OF AN AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN OF CHINESE DESCENT OR CHINESE CITIZEN RESIDING IN AUSTRALIA.

QTE. 7. AFTER AN APPLICATION FOR TRAVEL TO AUSTRALIA TO
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VISIT RELATIVES HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED, THE CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE FOR OVERSEAS CHINESE OR THE KWANGTUNG TRAVEL SERVICE FOR OVERSEAS CHINESE WILL FORWARD TO THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN CHINA THE APPLICANT'S PASSPORT TOGETHER WITH AN AUSTRALIAN APPLICATION FORM COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT. THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY

IN CHINA, UPON RECEIVING THE AUSTRALIAN APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION, WILL AFFIX ON THE APPLICANT'S CHINESE PASSPORT A VISITOR'S ENTRY VISA.

QTE. IF THE FOREGOING ARRANGEMENTS AND UNDERSTANDING ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNDERSTANDINGS AND WISHES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, I HAVE THE HONOR

TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR REPLY TO THAT EFFECT
WOULD PLACE ON RECORD THE UNDERSTANDING OF OUR TWO
GOVERNMENTS ON THE MATTER.

STEPHEN FITZGERALD

AMBASSADOR OF AUSTRALIA TO CHINA.

END QTE.
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